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French Embargo Disputed.

Convention Violated.

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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

LONDON, April 19.

That urgent representations are being made by Britain to France as regards the embargo on the exportation of shells from France was stated by Mr. McNeill, under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons, in reply to Capt. R. Terrell, who said the embargo applied to British shells supplied by British firms.

Captain Terrell added that the French authorities, in addition to this embargo, suddenly ordered the removal from French ports of several thousand tons of shells collected for export to English steel works.

Mr. McNeill said that he was aware there was an embargo on iron and steel scrap, including shells, but his attention had not previously been called to the order for the removal of emptied British shells from the ports.

"His Majesty's Government for weeks past has been doing its utmost to secure the relaxation of the prohibition and has lately addressed a protest to the French Government drawing attention to the breach of Article Three of the Anglo-French Convention of 1882 which is involved. French relaxation of the prohibition has been made in the case of Italy and Belgium but not the United Kingdom. I regret to say that the reply of the French Government, while attempting to justify this action, does not mention this violation of the treaty. The Ambassador in Paris had been instructed to make urgent representations to the French Government in regard to shells which are regarded by His Majesty's Government as a matter of importance." (Cheers.)

THE PEOPLE'S FOOD.

AMERICA SUPPRESSING SPECULATION.

SWEEPING PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, April 19.

Injunction proceedings have been instituted in New York by the Federal Government with a view to suppressing completely trading in sugar futures, also in coffee and sugar on the exchanges unless backed by actual ownership. Control of sugar has been instituted in New York by the Federal Government.

The proceedings are described as the most sweeping ever instituted by the Government which is making an effort to curb speculation in the necessities of life. They were decided upon after the whole subject, with the evidence, had been discussed in detail by the Harding Cabinet and after Mr. Daugherty, who was ill in North Carolina, had approved the bill. In the complaint the latter alleges that an orgy of speculation has resulted from a conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The present action is a civil suit, but it is understood that the Government is considering criminal proceedings later under the Sherman law.

IMMEDIATE EFFECTS.

NEW YORK, April 19.

Heavy general selling developed when the news of the intended injunction proceedings for suppressing trading in sugar futures reached the interested exchanges. The declines in quotations ranged from 30 to 74 points. They were followed by a rally to 35. On the Stock Exchange sugar securities dropped nearly three points.

HOW THE CONSUMER PAYS.

LATER.

The government estimates that every advance of one per cent. in the price of refined sugar costs the United States consumer approximately \$2,000,000 a week. The Government's complaint declares that the position throughout the world relative to the available stocks of raw sugar is more favourable than at any time in the past three years.

CITY RIOTS.

GERMAN UNEMPLOYED REBEL.

SERIOUS RESULTS.

PARIS, April 19.

A message from Dusseldorf states that several collisions have recently occurred there and at Mulheim between the unemployed and German police. The collisions were attended by fatalities.

The unemployed committee at Dusseldorf has notified the municipality and the German Government of its intention to offer its services to the French unless satisfaction is forthcoming.

TOWN HALL UNDER FIRE.

LONDON, April 20.

Messages from French and German sources show that unemployed discontents at Mulheim met with serious results.

A Mulheim telegram, via Berlin, describes the demonstrators as disorderly. The Communists and Trade Unionists occupied the centre of the town and barricaded all exits. The town hall was under fire of the rebels who plundered the gunsmiths' shops. Police reinforcements from Duisburg are hurrying up.

FOUR KILLED.

PARIS, April 19.

A message from Dusseldorf states that the Mulheim unemployed entrenched themselves and held up traffic. The shopkeepers closed their premises and barricaded the windows. In the course of police encounters four unemployed were killed. Two more are in a grave condition. Altogether eleven have been wounded.

Unemployed at Dusseldorf demonstrated before the Town Hall and demanded an increase in the dole. The burgomaster said he would communicate with the Government. The demonstrators later drew up a declaration in the name of Altenheim.

TRADE'S UGLY FALLS.

PRINCE'S EXPRESSIVE SIMILE.

PROSPERITY RETURNING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

LONDON, April 19.

Though suffering from slight Maynights, the Prince of Wales attended a banquet given by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce last night.

In the course of a speech which was directed to the question of trade recovery was doubtless foremost in the minds of delegates. Probably the barriers sometimes seemed insurmountable. There were occasions when the course looked almost too stiff. Since 1918 there had been one or two pretty ugly falls. The generation which fought the world war had a heavy burden on its shoulders, but what was more striking was the spirit of all classes bearing it. British enterprise was still equal to any task there might be. He was thankful to say there were definite signs of returning prosperity.

HOME INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

CHEMICAL TRADE DISPUTE.

LONDON, April 19.

Forty thousand workers in the chemical drug trade throughout the country are affected by the decision of the employers to reduce the wages of shift workers after agreeing to adjourn the main question of general reduction which the workers resisted. Some men in London have already struck.

NORFOLK FARM TROUBLE OVER.

LONDON, April 19.

Provisional agreement has been reached in the Norfolk farm strike. It provides 25s. for a 54-hour week, and 6d. for each extra hour. The fifty-four hours are so arranged as to secure a half holiday every week.

MARKS FLUCTUATE AGAIN.

GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

LONDON, April 19.

Marks are quoted at 145,000 and 148,000. They closed at 130,000 and 135,000. French francs finished at 70.25 and Belgian currency at 1.25.

BERLIN, April 19.

In view of the sudden slump in the mark, the Government, after deliberating with the Reichsbank, decided to continue energetic action to support the mark.

A decree will be promulgated greatly restricting imports and make it obligatory on the owners of foreign currencies to notify the authorities of the amounts they possess.

IRELAND A NATION.

LEAGUE ASPIRATIONS.

DUBLIN, April 19.

In the Senate it was announced that the government has decided to apply for membership in the League of Nations. The application will be included in the League's September agenda.

LATER.

The Senate, by 16 votes to 10, passed a resolution that no action should be taken relative to applying for membership in the League without the consent of both Houses of Parliament.

ACADEMIE FRANCAISE.

FILLING THE VACANCIES.

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The Academie Francaise has elected the Church historian, Abbe Bremond, and the Vatican Ambassador, M. Jonart, to its membership. The historian, Louis Madelin, and the dramatist, De Portoriche, have tied in the ballot for the third vacancy.

FRANCE'S RUSSIANS.

MARSEILLES, April 19.

The Foreign Labour Bureau has begun to pay off 330 Russians constituting the crews of thirteen trading boats formerly belonging to General Wrangel's fleet. The men will be distributed for work in the devastated regions.

FILLIP FOR TRADE.

RAILWAY RATES DOWN.

LONDON, April 19.

The railways have decided to reduce the rates on agricultural produce from 75 to 50 per cent. above the pre-war level and general merchandise from 75 to 50 per cent.

HOLLAND'S SUMMER TIME.

THE HAGUE, April 19.

The First chamber, by 36 to 9 votes, has rejected the bill to abolish summer time. It is inevitable, however, that the Government will introduce a similar bill next year.

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  - (b) Fixtures and fittings for houses,
- (2) The reduction of the cost of building materials,
- (3) The use of cheaper or more suitable kinds of building materials,
- (4) The greater employment of labour saving machines or devices;
- (5) Improved methods for the transportation of building materials,
- (6) Procuring an increased supply of skilled labourers,
- (7) Reducing the number of middlemen,
- (8) Other methods for reducing the cost of house construction.

2.—Measures which should be taken by the Government for promoting any of the above objects.

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  - (2) To facilitate the building of more houses for occupation by
    - (i) Persons of moderate means
    - (ii) The working classes

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Chairman, Housing Commission,  
Prince's Buildings,  
9th April, 1923.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st April, 1923, at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
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Hongkong, April 4, 1923.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, 67/69, Des Voeux Road Central, on MONDAY, 30th April, 1923, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Auditors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1922, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd to the 30th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
E. PEPPERELL,  
Acting Secretary  
Hongkong, April 10, 1923.

## THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 10th May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1922.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 26th instant to the 10th May, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1923.

## THE HONGKONG IRON MINING CO., LTD.

MR. LESLIE SOLBE GREENHILL has been appointed Secretary to the above Company vice Mr. MOWRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE resigned with effect from 7th March, 1923.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. P. CHATER,  
Chairman,  
Hongkong, April 18, 1923.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, 5th May, 1923, Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Race close on Saturday, 5th April, 1923.  
Hongkong, April 18, 1923.

## NOTICES.

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS WANTED.

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Hongkong, April 19, 1923.

## THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 3rd day of May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolution the following, namely:

1. That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited and with a view thereto this Company by wound up voluntarily and that Horace Percy Smith of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

That the Conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of The Hongkong Central Estate Limited, be and the same is hereby approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to carry the said Agreement into effect with such (if any) modification either before or after the execution thereof as they may think fit.

N.B.—A copy of such said Conditional Agreement may be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid and at the office of Messrs. Deacon, Harston & Shenton, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid Solitors to the Company.

2.—For the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the meeting.

A print of such new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid and at the office of Messrs. Deacon, Harston & Shenton, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid Solitors to the Company.

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3.—That the meeting approve of such new Memorandum of Association, with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:

(b) That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this meeting.

## AND NOTICE IS HEREBY

ALSO GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the 24th day of May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolutions.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1923.

By Order of the Board,

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary to the General Managers.

N.B.—The necessary steps will be taken to divide each of the existing 50,000 shares of \$100 each constituting the present Capital of \$5,000,000 of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, into four fully paid up shares of \$25 each and thereafter to increase the said Capital from \$5,000,000 to an authorised capital of \$10,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of \$25 each.

Should the meeting approve of such new Articles, with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution namely:

(c) That the new Articles already approved by this meeting and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

Should the above mentioned Resolutions (b) and (c) be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Should the second of the above Resolutions (b) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the

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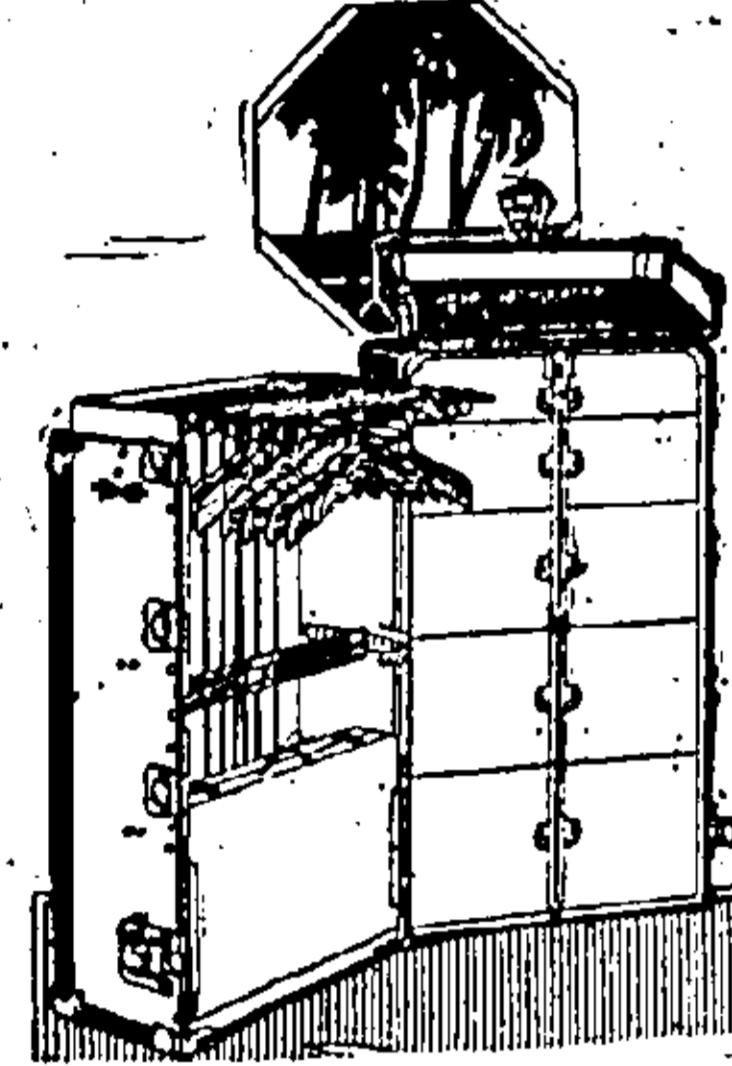
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1923.

## ANOTHER GERMAN REVOLUTION?

Although Germany's Nationalist leader, Karl Helfferich, has said in the Reichstag that the Monarchs "would not use this moment—the Ruhr crisis—to launch a revolution," signs are not wanting that the Republic still faces a serious menace. Latest reports from Bavaria, the chief Royalist centre, are very disquieting. Matters have evidently become acute when the local authorities feel constrained to implore the Central Government to suspend measures against the Nationalist leaders, whose arrests have been ordered, lest open conflict result. This delicate situation has arisen through the growing boldness of Germany's Mussolini, an Austrian house painter named Adolf Hitler who served during the war as a simple soldier in the German army and now commands a very strong following who blindly obey his bidding. This fanatic preacher of ruthlessness has defied the Bavarian Government. Indeed, he has declared war upon it—"war to the knife"—and has announced his intention to "attack at nothing" in order to attain his purposes. These purposes are perhaps best indicated by his adherents' uniform, now a familiar feature in the Munich streets. Organised in storm troops, they wear field-grey with the old empire colours and the "swastika," Bavaria's recognised symbol of anti-Semitism. Thus Hitler not only opposes the Republic but he is also the sworn foe of the Jews. His anti-Semitism (which, incidentally, drove Einstein abroad) is easily explained. When the revolution broke out, Bavaria came under the sway of the Communists. Very soon, however, the reaction began. Nationalist leaders like Ludendorff, seizing their opportunity, made

Munich their stronghold. A war-cry was needed and easily supplied. "Anti-Semitism" was felt to meet the case. A simple formula was framed: "The world's capital is Jewish; Marxism is Jewish; Marxism and capitalism are responsible for the desperate straits the world is in. Therefore 'Down with the Jews!' The world's salvation depends on the destruction of the Jews." This cry soon inflamed the populace. Hitler saw his chance and became the leader. The movement, which gained heavy impetus when Mussolini accomplished his coup, reached frenzy pitch when the French invaded the Ruhr. This pervasive madness was Ludendorff's chance. Playing upon the popular passion, he glorified the old regime and openly urged revolt against the Republic. His speeches showed that his aims closely resembled those of Hitler. Seemingly he is still making mischief, for yesterday's cables report him taking a review of a thinly disguised Nationalist body styled the Reichsflagge. Whether Hitler with his fanaticism and Ludendorff with his iron resolve can command large enough numbers outside Bavaria to launch revolt is not clear. The Bavarian Minister of the Interior, yesterday's cables added, assured the Diet that the Government is strong enough to repress any excesses, but the last time the Government took a bold stand it speedily broke down and Hitler was allowed to carry out his programme unhampered. This collapse was said to have been due to the intervention of the commander of the Reichswehr. Significant is it, therefore that members of the Reichswehr participated in the Reichsflagge parade before Ludendorff. Perhaps the best guarantee against any violent upheaval lies in the hostile attitude of Germany's working men who are watching the proceedings with distrust and reserve. It is clear that the Communists have been transferred to Mukden. Mr. S. Yada, formerly Consul-General at San Francisco, and Mr. S. Yada, now succeeds Mr. Funatsu at Shanghai.

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The Evening Standard states that Sir Henry Sharp, Secretary to the Government of India, is engaged to Miss Margaret Armbriderham.

The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Harry Shepard Knapp, U.S.N., in his seventy-seventh year. Rear-Admiral Knapp was Chief of Staff of the Pacific Fleet in 1907-8.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, Lady Leveson, and their daughter, were received in audience by the Empress of Japan on April 2, in the Hall of the Phoenix at the Imperial Palace.

Mr. W. A. Gibson, general manager of Australasian Films, Ltd., was recently in Singapore. He is making a business tour through the East where he expects to extend the firm's interests.

The "Dongola" took away from Singapore a familiar figure in the person of Inspector J. Kennedy, who goes home on retirement after a long service, first in the army and then in the Straits Settlements Police.

Mr. T. Funatsu, Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, who was formerly in Hongkong, has been transferred to Mukden. Mr. S. Yada, formerly Consul-General at San Francisco, and Mr. S. Yada, now succeeds Mr. Funatsu at Shanghai.

shown by a cable received to-day reporting that Dusseldorf, unemployed, unless the Government repairs their grievances, will take service with the French. Unless it is empty bluff, that decision speaks volumes.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow the St. Joseph's College Sports will be held at the Race Course. Tea will be served from 4.30 p.m.

Two Chinese cases of plague, three Chinese cases of small-pox and a Chinese case of enteric fever were reported yesterday.

Valuation lists for the Colony for the year 1922-1923 can be inspected at the Treasury for 21 days commencing to-morrow.

A man who is believed to be insane jumped into the harbour from the s.s. "Wing On" on the vessel's arrival from Canton. He was rescued and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

For carrying sixteen passengers in excess of the number stated in his licence, the master of the steamer launch "Takking" who had sixteen previous convictions was fined \$150 at the Marine Court yesterday. For a similar offence, the master of the "Wa Sun" with eleven previous convictions was fined \$250, the number of excess passengers being 24. The master of the "Tong Yien" was fined \$30 for failing to observe the rule of the road.

There are not infrequently stories in the Japanese papers of body-snatching or even murder for the sake of getting a brain or liver for consumption by some person who has some disease of the organ abstracted—a sort of crude organo-therapeutics, says the *Japan Chronicle*. Japanese papers the other day reported the case of a Chinese who, arrested for thefts in Nankin-machi, "confessed" that he had kidnapped two children in Kobe and sent them to Shanghai for the extraction of their livers to make *Rokushin-gan*, a febrifuge popular in Japan. The accused said that he had obtained the children from another Chinese, and when the police had arrested a number of other Chinese and got on the track of the supposed kidnapper, this original kidnapper was found to be a person deceased. The question naturally arises as to why a man charged with petty theft should confess to complicity in murder. It is hardly less relevant to ask whether the police really believe that when Chinese sell to Japanese, medicines that they profess to contain human liver, they are really so honest as to supply what they profess to be supplying.

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The Evening Standard states that Sir Henry Sharp, Secretary to the Government of India, is engaged to Miss Margaret Armbriderham.

The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Harry Shepard Knapp, U.S.N., in his seventy-seventh year. Rear-Admiral Knapp was Chief of Staff of the Pacific Fleet in 1907-8.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, Lady Leveson, and their daughter, were received in audience by the Empress of Japan on April 2, in the Hall of the Phoenix at the Imperial Palace.

Mr. W. A. Gibson, general manager of Australasian Films, Ltd., was recently in Singapore. He is making a business tour through the East where he expects to extend the firm's interests.

The "Dongola" took away from Singapore a familiar figure in the person of Inspector J. Kennedy, who goes home on retirement after a long service, first in the army and then in the Straits Settlements Police.

Mr. T. Funatsu, Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, who was formerly in Hongkong, has been transferred to Mukden. Mr. S. Yada, formerly Consul-General at San Francisco, and Mr. S. Yada, now succeeds Mr. Funatsu at Shanghai.

## SINGAPORE MURDER.

## WEALTHY EURASIAN STRANGLED.

The murder of Mr. J. La Salle, a well-known and wealthy young Eurasian at his residence, off Adams Place, Bukit Timah, which was committed in the early hours of yesterday morning, says the *Free Press* of the 14th inst., is one of the most sensational affairs of its kind recorded in Singapore. Mr. La Salle, who has not been back very long from Java, owned considerable property in Singapore, including the house where he was so brutally murdered.

The information was given to the police by a boy named George Day, who it is believed, together with a Mrs. Ethel Duke, was living with the deceased at his residence at the time of his tragic death.

The house in which the crime was committed is situated at the top of a hill, and surrounded by large open spaces of land, as well as by areas planted with rubber, fruit trees, etc., while at some distance from the house, dotted about the estate, are a number of huts occupied by squatters. The police arrived on the scene to find the place in a turmoil, and the deceased lying in his room dead. The state of the room indicated that a terrible struggle had evidently taken place between the deceased and his assailants. There was blood on the floor near to the bed, and more blood on the bed clothes. The deceased also had a stab wound in the thigh. It is difficult to draw any conclusion as to the likely motive of the crime, from the several theories at hand, but it would appear that the deceased was attacked by several Chinese and strangled to death. It seems that five armed Chinese wearing masks, succeeded in gaining an entrance into the house. One man entered first, by way of a window at the side of the house, and opened the front door to let the others in. The window was barred with thick wooden bars, and before getting through, the man had to cut away one of the bars. It appears to have been cut away with a saw. The men at once attacked La Salle, who was in bed, dragged him to the floor in the struggle, and eventually over-powered him. They gagged him with a piece of wood, and strangled him to death with a piece of rope. The men then turned their attention to Mrs. Duke and the boy Day. Mrs. Duke lies in hospital at the present time, suffering from a broken leg. We do not know definitely how she sustained this injury, but rumour has it that she fell down in trying to go after the Chinese as they were leaving the house. Some jewellery was taken away by the men.

The room occupied by the deceased was on the ground floor, and opened direct on to the porch. The bed was to the right of the front door, and it was through this door that the assailants came in, after it had been opened by the man who first got in through the window. The police are making careful investigation into the affair. There is every possibility of the guilty persons being secured and brought to justice.

## HOMeward BOUND.

## OBITUARY.

## MR. JOHN POLLOCK LOWE.

There passed away at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 14th inst., Mr. John Pollock Lowe, a gentleman well-known and highly esteemed in the Far East. Mr. Lowe early in the eighties first came to the East as an officer connected with the then well-known *Strait Line*, which was later known as the E. & A. Co.'s line. In 1882, he joined the China Merchants' and, until 1903, when he took over the business of Messrs. Thomas Macdonald & Co., he commanded many of the C.M.'s vessels.

Mr. Lowe, who was born in Rothsay, Scotland, seventy years ago, was of kindly and genial temperament. He was a member of the Race Club, Lawn Bowls Club, Golf Club and the Masonic Club.

Deceased leaves a widow and nephew (Mr. James Lowe), of Messrs. Macdonald & Co. to whom sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

MR. L. L. LOPEZ.

A well-known Portuguese resident died yesterday, Mr. L. L. Lopez, of the Hongkong Electric Company. Mr. Lopez, who was about 50 years of age, had been ill for some time. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. C. O. de Silva, who died a few weeks ago. He has a brother in the Chinese Customs and leaves a widow, with whom the many friends of the family will deeply sympathise.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Take Care of Yourself. If you want a clear head and good digestion, you must not let you bowel be overloaded with poisonous waste from the body, as is always the case when you become constipated. Prop a food, an abundance of water and plenty of exercise should keep you in good form. Who don't eat enough should take Chamberlain's "Food" as a gentle man's meat or tea. It is a good and pleasant tea, and by all chemists and druggists.

## WEST RIVER STORM.

## JUNK FOUNDERS IN HEAVY SQUALL.

On Tuesday, the Canton-Shing passenger junk "Luen Wo" encountered a heavy squall at Kau Hon, West River, and foundered. It is feared that of the 300 passengers on board, about 100 were drowned.

While anchored at Samshui, the s.s. "Salman" and "Nanning" collided during the squall, the "Salman" being damaged. The "Kwong Foon" broke away from her moorings and narrowly missed collision with the other two ships. Many buildings in Samshui were damaged in the storm, wreckage being blown into the harbour.

## PROPERTY BOOM.

## PUNJAB BUILDINGS SOLD.

Punjab Buildings, the block of houses on Inland lot 542, on Granville Road near the Club de Recreio have been sold. The area is about 94,000 square feet. Mr. Fred Ellis, the owner, has sold the block to Messrs. Yu Kwan-mo and Chan Tsing-chuen for over \$650,000 or about \$7.25 per foot.

Originally built to house the N.C.O.'s of the Army stationed in Kowloon, the block has, for some time past, presented a dilapidated appearance.

Two Chinese cases of plague, three Chinese cases of small-pox and a Chinese case of enteric fever were reported yesterday.

No direct demand has been made by the company but the owners are willing to negotiate. The "Wing Ping" has been taken off the Hongkong-Canton run and placed on the Hongkong-Wuchow service.

Inspector Caygill told His Worship that defendants, who had come down from Shanghai, gave themselves up at the Central Station at nine o'clock last night. They stated that they had no work, no food and nowhere to sleep.

His Worship made an order for defendants to be committed to the House of Detention; during their stay there the police will endeavour to obtain work for them.

## CARPENTERS' DISPUTE.

## NOW PARTLY SETTLED.

Hopes are entertained of being arrived at in a week or so in connection with the dispute over the house carpenters' wages. The men complained about the rendering of a clause in the agreement made last year whereby they were to get an increase of fifteen cents per day. They insisted that the contractors and sub-contractors by whom they were employed should pay them the increase irrespective of the job they were engaged upon. The contractors were of the opinion that on contracts made prior to the last agreement which did not allow for an increase in wages they could not pay the higher rate.

After reference to the Director of Public Works and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the majority of employers have agreed to pay the increased wage irrespective of the date of the contract covering the work, but five firms adhere to their understanding of the clause.

It is stated that representatives of the men are to interview the Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins) on Monday.

## TELL STORY.

## SHIP'S COOK AND MAN WHO LOST HIS MONEY.

A Chinese who could speak a little English appeared before Mr. J. F. Wood this morning on a charge of stowing away on board the s.s. "Victoria" from Sandakan. Defendant was stated to have been discovered concealed under a bed in the storage hold.

A cook gave evidence as to finding defendant, stating that he was found in the pantry.

"That not true; he tell story" said the defendant, whereupon the Magistrate addressed witness: "Hiding under a bed you say?"

Witness: "Yes."

His Worship: "In the pantry?"

Witness then altered his statement to the effect that defendant was discovered in the steerage hold.

The cook added that he asked defendant for his ticket, the latter replying that he had lost it.

Defendant again remarked: "That not true; he tell story."

## ULL AT CANTON.

## WHAT SUN IS DOING

## SHORTAGE OF FUNDS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 20.

Latest information to hand states that there was a comparative lull in the fighting, particularly in Canton's environs, yesterday. Sun Yat-sen has been actively taking part in directing movements, making inspections at various points. He proceeded in a gun-boat along the river and is said to have returned to his headquarters at the Cement Works on Howan. He is reported to have issued orders to concentrate on the Yuen-Han Railway which is still in the hands of the Kwangsi-ites.

Owing to shortage of funds and ammunition, Sun's adherents are making frantic efforts to raise money.

## YUNNAN TROOPS SUCCESS.

Official reports have been issued to the effect that the Canton Arsenal was captured by the Yunnanese from the Kwangsi-ites in the afternoon of Wednesday. Reinforced by Lau Tsun-wan's troops rushed up by the Kowloon-Canton Railway from Shinkung, the Yunnanese are stated to have commenced a determined attack on the Arsenal at noon and to have entered it at three. An unofficial report states that the Kwangsi-ites counter-attacked shortly afterwards and dislodged the Yunnanese. Towards evening the Kwangsi-ites retired and the Yunnanese are stated to be in possession.

Loosing by the Kwangsi-ites at Shek-cheng, Shing and Tai-ting after the fall of the Arsenal has been reported.

The vernacular press while admitting that Sun Yat-sen's troops have succeeded in driving Shun's troops from the vicinity of Canton and have the initial advantage, point out that only the Kwangsi forces under Li Yik-jui have been defeated and that the main strength under Shun, along the Yuen-Han Railway up to Shinkung have not been attacked as yet. General trend of opinion foreshadows further fighting in the North River District.

Well-informed circles consider the White Cloud Mountains to have been the Kwangsi-ites first line and the approaches to the Arsenal their second line. They are now falling back on Ko Tong and causing destruction wherever they pass.

While one section of Yunnanese were attacking the Arsenal, other detachments were pushing forward in the direction of Szechuan where considerable fighting took place.

Early yesterday, the Yunnanese advanced in the direction of Sun Kai with machine-guns and field-pieces. It is stated that aeroplane bombers are to assist in that direction.

The pro-Sun forces aided by the River Defence Flotilla are to attack Shihung, a vulnerable point in the Kwangsi-ites line of communications.

## PRESENT POSITION.

The position of present is that the Kwangsi-ites, unable to hold their original positions in the vicinity of Canton, are converging on the Yuen-Han Railway, which they occupy except for the terminus at Wong-sha, and to fall back on Shinkung if necessary. General Shun's headquarters and main force are at Shihung, the northern terminus of the railway. On the other hand, the pro-Sun forces are struggling for the re-capture of the railway with a view to keeping the Kwangsi-ites as far from Canton as possible.

To prevent disorder and outrage, the Yunnanese commander has notified that certain crimes against the civil population are punishable by shooting.

Confirmation of our correspondent's advice yesterday to the effect that the pro-Sun troops have re-questioned arms and ammunition from civil volunteers has been received in the form of a telegram to merchants in Hongkong, published in the vernacular press to-day, protesting against the commandeering.

## FIGHTING IN FOUR PLACES.

The following is taken from yesterday's *Canton Daily News*.

The Constitutional forces have now succeeded in capturing the arsenal (4 p.m. on Wednesday). The Kwangsi-ites were driven back ten miles.

It is the desire of the Generalissimo that the present fighting should be over within two weeks. It is stated, "The Constitutional forces throughout Kwangtung, especially those along the West and the North River districts, have been ordered accordingly."

At present active fighting is in progress in four different places, aside from Canton. General Sun Pao-fang, an ally of Shun Hung-ying, is operating against the Constitutionalists in Lin Kong

## LOOKING AHEAD.

## HONGKONG PEDESTRIAN'S LOT.

Here you have a peep into the future: "Chug-chug! Br-br-v! Honk! Honk! Zip! Zip!"

The unhappy pedestrian paused from one side, a motor car from another, behind him a big motor lorry thundered and another clanged in front of him. Above him two aeroplanes were rapidly descending and a big air-bus, was signalling to him to get out of the way. Then he gave a sigh of relief as he saw a manhole in the street. Quickly he lifted it and leapt downwards from danger—only to be run over by an underground train.

This happy little paragraph comes from the latest *Yellow Dragon*, Queen's College magazine, which well maintains this month its usual sprightly standard. The recent Old Boys' Association annual dinner naturally receives generous reference. The editorial, the school notes and some post-prandial reflections all give ample proof that the reunion remains a very pleasant memory. Among other interesting item the following may be noted:—

Overheard in the Common Room: Mr. Crook reading out of a big book: "The Chinese knew about coal at a very early date." "That may be so," continued our human encyclopedia, "but they certainly didn't know how to use it."

"They know how to use it now, anyway," growled Mr. Reeve who has just started housekeeping.

## RIVAL OF BRIDGE.

## MAH-JONGG CRAZE IN LONDON.

London (says the *Daily Mail*) is in the grip of a new game which has already taken so great a hold in the United States as largely to supplant the playing of bridge. "Mah-Jongg," as it is called, is of Chinese origin, and has been the rage in China for 2,000 years. It remains the most popular game both there and in Japan.

Its introduction into this country has been brought about by visitors to the East. "Mah-Jongg" is played with 136 pieces similar to dominoes. They are made from bamboo faced with bone. The face of each "tile" is engraved in colours with Chinese ideographs.

To come unawares on a party of "Mah-Jongg" enthusiasts is at first disconcerting. No sound is audible except the occasional muttering of "Pung," "Gong," or "Chow," as the players claim their scores.

After a game arguments as to what a player should have done are varied from the monotony of "If only you'd played the six of spades," etc., by heated references to "the three of Tiao," "the eight of Tung," and why "East Wind" should have played his "Red Dragon."

On inquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon it was learned that the condition of Mr. Chan Wing Hsin was much the same as it was yesterday.

On April 10, General Mu Hung of the Cantonese Army, led a force to attack Sun Pao-fang, compelling the latter to retreat towards the Kwangsi border. Yang Chun-yu and Chan Kwing-kuang, two former commanders under General Chan Kwing-ming, are fighting at Hoyuen and vicinity up the East River, Yang now siding with the present Canton regime, while Chan still clings to his brother, Chan Kwing-ming. Wong Ming-tong, an adherent of Dr. Sun, and Chang Lu-fang, now claiming to be with Dr. Sun, also, have been fighting at Tong-hip, in Kaochow, apparently because of some misunderstanding. Chen Tien-tai, a pro-Sun commander, is to attack Chang Hsi-chi, one of the officers of Shun Hung-ying, at Shihung.

## NEWS VIA PEKING.

PEKING, April 19. It is reported in a message from Canton, dated April 17, that after being at first repulsed, Shun Hung-ying's forces returned to the attack reinforced by 4,000 of Li Ching-ping's followers.

Shun Hung-ying has ordered the troops from the northern districts to move towards Canton.

Sun Yat-sen wired asking the warships to come to his assistance.

The Yunnanese forces are reported to be running short of ammunition.

Hsu Chung-chin arrived at Chao-chow on the 14th inst., and he is expected at Swatow before the end of the week.

It is reported that the Captain

second-in-command of one of the

warships at Swatow has been

assassinated. — Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

## CANTON FINANCES.

## RAILWAY WHARF TO BE SOLD.

A notification over the name of Yeung Sa Ngan, Finance Commissioner, Canton, announces that "owing to necessity of urgent funds" the wharf of the Canton-Samshui Railway at the Western Creek, (i.e., on the Western Bund near the Steamship Co.'s wharves) will be sold by tender at an upset price of \$150,000. "Tai Yeung" currency (about equal to Hongkong currency). Tenders must be accompanied with a deposit of \$7,500 and will be publicly opened at the Finance Bureau at 1 p.m. on April 23. The sale is stated to be open to "all classes."

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The final in the open Championship Singles in the H.K.C.C. tournament between O. Runjahn and Thomas Lay will be played to-day at 4.30 p.m. The winner meets Mr. Ng Sze-kwong in the Challenge Round on Monday, April 23, at the same time.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the VALUATION LISTS for the year 1923-1924 will be open to inspection at the Treasury for twenty-one days commencing on SATURDAY April 21st 1923.

Hongkong, April 20, 1923.

## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

The Members of the ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

will be AT HOME to parents of scholars and friends of the College, at the Race Course, on the occasion of the eighth Annual Athletic Sports

on SATURDAY, 21st April, 1923.

TEA: 4-5.30 P.M.

The Director.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## Open Singles.

THE FINAL will be played on FRIDAY, 20th instant, at 4.30 p.m. in Stand Court.

O. RUMJAHN v. THOMAS LAY and the Winner will meet the Challenger Mr. NG SZE KWONG on MONDAY 23rd instant, same time and place. Admission \$1 for members and Non-members. Members may reserve seats at the H.K.C.C. pavilion, where a plan may be seen.

By Order,

E. J. R. MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 20, 1923.

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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

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SATURDAY, April 21, 1923, commencing at 11 a.m.

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at their Sale Rooms, Duddell Street.

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| "TAKADA"  | 5,840 | 1-22nd Apr. | Calcutta, via Singapore and<br>Penang. |
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| Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mrs. C. S. Caldwell       | Mr. H. W. Simpson                          |
| Miss Caldwell                                | Mr. C. Stimpson                            |
| Mr. S. C. Dato                               | Mr. D. Ross                                |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mrs. W. Mrs. V. H. Walker | Mr. J. Ward                                |
| Mr. J. L. Walker                             | Mr. A. Watt                                |
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| Mr. and Mrs. J. A. M. J. Jordain    | Mr. J. M. Kaye                     |
| Mr. P. M. Davis                     | Mr. G. W. Barton                   |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mrs. C. S. Davis | Mr. G. W. Barton                   |
| Mr. E. O. Hart                      | Mr. L. H. Walker                   |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. Mr. and Mrs. Vase   | Mr. J. B. L. Walker                |
| Hannibal                            | Mr. J. B. L. Walker                |
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### PEAK HOTEL.

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### BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

During the summer months children are subject to disorder of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. An article in "Lancet" (Medical Journal) states that the bowel movements may be normal and the stools may be normal, but when they are being held for ransom, but when entertained that the will be reduced.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

### IRISH REBELLION.

London, April 18th. — The "miracle of wireless," that the deaf can listen in, was experienced by a boy of 13 during a London Evening News test at Marconi House, Strand. The boy, deaf from birth, heard both music and the human voice for the first time in his life.

Three boys, two deaf from birth and the third from the age of six, were accompanied to Marconi House by Mr. Haycock, their master at the Deaf School in Kensington Park-road, and Dr. Macleod Yearley, dual surgeon to the London Monks.

The "miracle" was a great success, the boys being able to hear the music and the human voice for the first time in their life.

First Harry Shiver put his right ear to the loud speaker. Nothing happened. Then he turned his left ear towards the music. His forehead wrinkled, a look of wonderment came into his eyes. Uncertainty at first, and then with increasing surety, one finger began to beat time with the rhythm of the fox-trot. He could hear slightly.

Dennis Hood went through the same emotions as Harry. Douglas Russell unfortunately could hear nothing.

In another room the headpieces of the transmitter were affixed to Harry's head. "A smile spread over his face. His hands, instead of beating time, swept through the air in curves and sweeps. He was hearing properly for the first time in his life!"

Unfortunately the "miracle" was not repeated either with Hood or Russell. Dennis, it is true, was able to distinguish the rhythm, but not more, while Douglas could only feel a prickling sensation.

Mr. Brownlie, in a speech, said that this was the first time Royalty had visited a trade union headquarters. He explained the activities of the union in order to show that the benefits conferred were now more closely connected with strikes, and handed the Duke of York copies of "Daily Chronicle." England has not exactly a monopoly of St. George, but that mythical hero has no connection with Germany, though he is one of the national saints of Russia and also the patron saint of Georgia. Perhaps the statue of St. George was meant to remind the guests that the ex-Kaiser still claims to be a Prince of Great Britain and Ireland, as was evident by the description of himself he supplied to the Dutch authorities when notifying his wedding just before the ceremony.

All cargo not taken delivery from steamer by 17th April, 1923, will be landed into the hazardous and/or non-hazardous godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at consignee's risk, whence delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods will be examined by Messrs. Godard & Douglas.

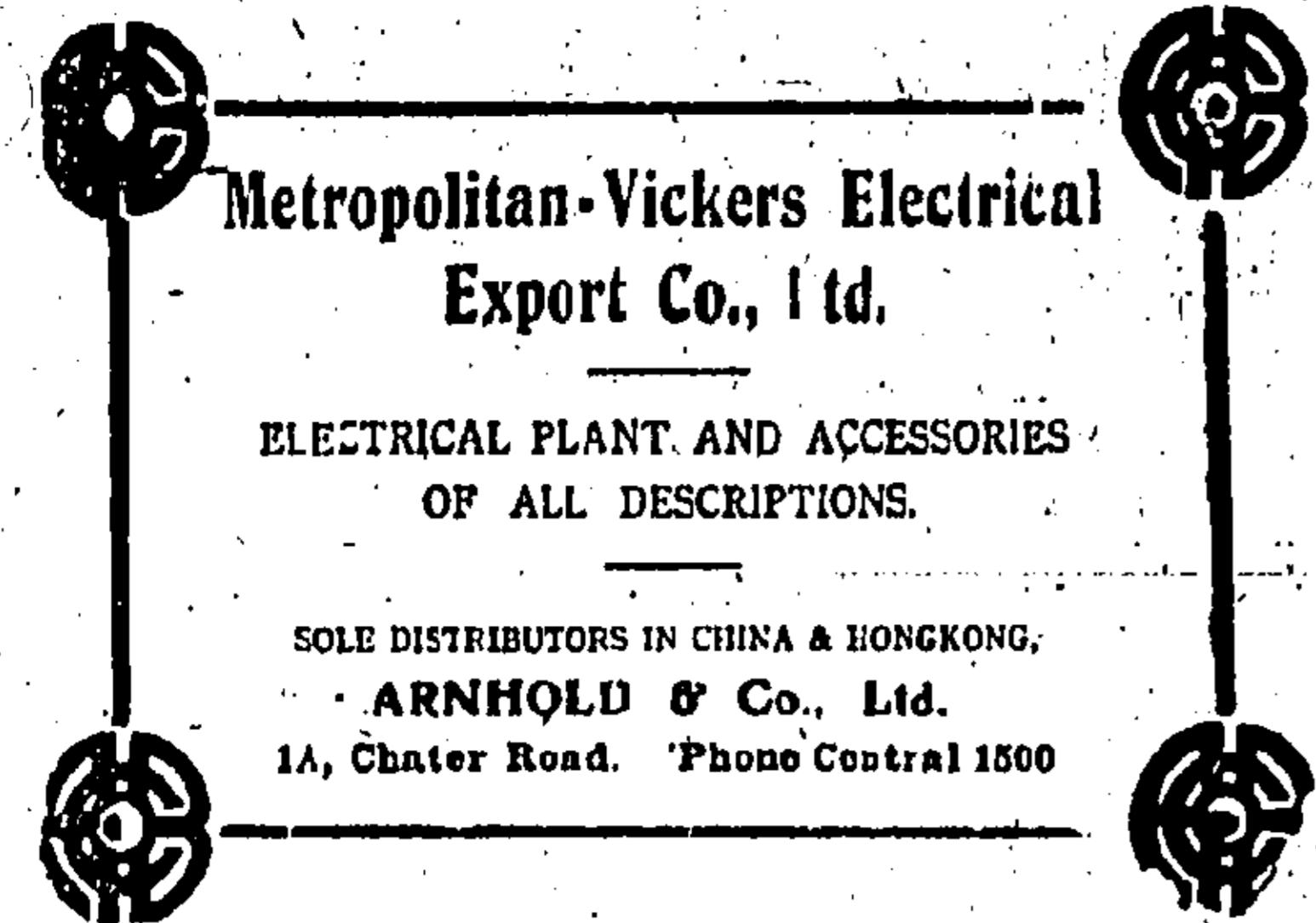
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### DEAF BOY HEARS.

ANOTHER "MIRACLE OF WIRELESS."

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The boy, deaf



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## SHIPPING.

### THE TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE.

#### JAPANESE COMMENTS.

Japanese papers have lately had a good deal to say about the unreliability of the Trans-Pacific trade, says the *Japan Chronicle*. Some time ago there was a list of the losses sustained on every voyage by the principal Japanese steamers. Notwithstanding that Japanese buyers have recently bought an old P. & O. and an old Dollar Line steamer for the purpose, it is said, of engaging in the Pacific lumber trade, which is flourishing again. Perhaps because the wish is father to the thought, there have also been numerous statements made about the low water in which the American companies find themselves and their probable withdrawal from the stern competition of the Pacific route. The allocation to the Columbia Pacific Company of the West Naga does not much like withdrawal, but the *Manichi* now comes out with a statement that, according to the American Shipping Board report, the Admiral Line lost \$100,000 on every trip. We had heard nothing of this remarkable loss, and surely if it were really reported, such a fine record-breaking achievement would have been well advertised! On the strength of this loss, the *Manichi* says, the Admiral Line will throw up the sponge in June. It is true the statement is not made quite positively, but even when it is reported that the Admiral Line is believed to have decided, one would expect that there was something upon which to found the rumour. Inquiry at the Admiral Line office, however, elicits not only the statement but plenty of evidence that there is no foundation at all for the story. In spite of being "squeezed between the low rates" of the Japanese steamers and the superiority of the British steamers, the Admiral Line shows no signs of giving out, and is generally reckoned to be one of those who look forward with perfect equanimity and perhaps with pleasure anticipation to the offer of the Shipping Board fleet to the companies now running the ships. So the statement that "shipping competition for the Puget Sound lines will be alleviated by the withdrawal of the Admiral Line" is not likely to be put to the proof. Shipping news in the Japanese papers is so very often quite wrong that one wonders what it is reported for. Certainly not for the dissemination of information, so presumably for other purposes.

#### LEVIAHAN NEARLY READY

Speaking before a number of steamship men at Newport News, Virginia, Mr. Homer Ferguson, the manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, reported that the great task of converting the "Leviathan" into an oil-burner was completed, and that the work of reconditioning the entire vessel was 85 per cent. finished. There was every prospect, he said, that the great vessel would leave New York for Europe on June 1, as scheduled. Mr. Ferguson described the vessel as the finest liner afloat, and said that whether she paid or not, her

reconditioning proved that American shipyards were capable of handling the hardest of jobs. Admiral Benson said the "Leviathan" would be the fastest vessel plying between the United States and Europe, and emphasised that they must have many more as fast if the country was to maintain its status in keeping with the 5-5-3 agreement. The Admiral startled the audience, by declaring that America's greatest foreign competitor has 112 merchant vessels capable of making twenty knots, while America has but three, including the "Leviathan."

#### GENERAL NOTES.

The Russian Government, reports the *Pravda*, has decided to declare Petrograd and Archangel free ports.

It is reported that the O.S.K. steamer "America-maru" is to be hired for the trip of Prince Nagako (Kinomoto) through the Inland Sea on her visit to western Japan, Shikoku and Kyushu. The tour is planned for the latter part of May.

Official denial is given in Washington to reports that the United States Shipping Board has sold several liners to Germany. It is pointed out that no Government ship can be sold to foreign interests unless five commissioners of the Board consent in writing and give their reasons.

According to a cable just received by the Merchant Marine Service Association from the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, whose counsel acted on behalf of the association in defence of the interests of the second officer, the marine inquiry held at Vancouver, British Columbia, into the loss of the Prince Line steamer "Tuscan Prince," which occurred on February 16, during very heavy weather, on Village Island, Barclay Sound, B.C., has resulted in the master and all officers being absolved from blame.

A subject which the Export Sub-Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce has had before it—and the Shipping Sub-Committee also—is the regulation of the Committee Homeward Freight Conference that, where freight is payable at destination for seeds and cereals, consigns pay freight on the shipping weight and not on the out-turn weight, which may be less than that indicated on the bill of lading. The views of the two Sub-Committees on this question are not yet available for publication.

It is authoritatively reported on Swan's side that the True firm of Swan, Hunter, Wigham-Richardson, & Co., Ltd. have purchased a large site on the south bank of the Tees near Middlesbrough for the construction of a new shipyard. The rival claims of Clyde and Tees have been under consideration, and the choice has finally fallen upon the Tees. Steel mills for the production of plates exist on an adjoining site, and the district offers an abundance of skilled shipyard labour. It is understood that the Tees Conservancy Commissioners have given an undertaking to widen the River Tees so as to permit of the launching of the largest vessel.

## APPRENTICE AT SEA.

### SOME POINTS OF THE SYSTEM FOR REFORM.

A Shipping Correspondent of the *Observer* writes:

The apprentice system as it operates in the British mercantile marine is sadly in need of revision, both from the point of view of the boys themselves and that of their parents, many of whom would refrain indenturing their lads were they acquainted with the actual conditions of the service. Up to a few decades ago the embryo merchant-officer served his apprenticeship in sail. The decline of the sailing ship, however, has resulted in a new condition of things, and now there are comparatively few lads who receive their training in square-rigged ships. The British Board of Trade, as the result of careful inquiry, announced that 168 said firms of British shipowners are prepared to take apprentices, but of this number only ten are the owners of sailing vessels.

The terms of engagement are usually for four years, or three years if the cadet has completed two years' preliminary training on the Conway or the Worcester. The remuneration offered varies, and is usually about £40 for the four years, provided that the indentures are satisfactorily completed. In some firms a premium is required and this is returned when the service is completed, or is forfeited in case of desertion. With these arrangements there is little fault to find, and the sea life makes such an appeal to the youth of the country that the majority of firms have a considerable waiting list.

#### LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

But, unfortunately, shipowners do not regard their responsibilities in the manner that they should. In many cases there is not the slightest attempt to educate the boy in the calling he has elected to follow, and the result is that many lads when they have completed their four years at sea must go through a course of cramming at some nautical school before they can hope to pass their second-mate's examination, which they must do before they can rise any higher in their profession. The average lad who decides upon a seafaring career is not, as a rule, good mathematician, and the result of four years' rusting is that he often finds the knowledge of mathematics he acquired at school has left him. If the nautical crammer can coach him up he may scrape through his examination, but if he fails he has nothing before him but to go to sea as an A.B., an eventuality which his parents or guardians certainly never contemplated.

The percentage of failures of time-expired apprentices and others who sit for the second-mate's examination is about fifty, and the distressing feature of it is that many of the young men who are plucked have little or no chance of subsequently passing the test. If the shipowners saw to it that the lads had opportunity for study under supervision this condition of things would not arise.

#### CHEAP LABOUR.

By their negligence many owners certainly lay themselves open to the charge that they simply regard the apprentice as cheap labour. He is employed to clean brass and paint-work, to shift coals, and generally to do the work of an ordinary seaman. He does, it is true, pick up much which will be of service to him. He learns, for example, how to perform his trick at the wheel, but any attempt to teach him navigation or the use of nautical instruments is too frequently conspicuous by its absence. In some firms the practice is to sign on an apprentice during, say, the third or fourth year of his service as a quartermaster and to pay him extra. This, although regarded favourably by the lads themselves, as it gives them more pocket-money, is hardly fair to the A.B.'s who look upon the work of a quartermaster as one of the plums to which they have the right to aspire. It must be remembered too, that the supply of apprentices exceeds the vacancies for junior officers, so that there can be no guarantee of employment as officer when the indentures are completed.

It frequently happens that a boy who has put in two years at sea, finding himself short of pocket-money, thinks it to his advantage to desert and secure the wages of a sailor. There is thus a steady recruitment of the ranks of seamen from the apprentices who joined the sea-service with the aim of rising to the higher grades of their profession. This would not occur if the apprenticeship system were not abused. It is, perhaps, only fair to point out that the average owner leaves the matter of the instruction of apprentices to his captain, and they, in their turn, perfidiously delegate it to their officers, with the result that what is "everybody's business" is nobody's, and the apprentice who joined the service with high hopes finds that he has no better chance of a rise in his calling than if he had "commenced" his long-going career as a mere deck boy. Parents before indenturing their lads to the sea would do well to inquire what

## STORY OF THE FLOOD.

### INTERESTING FINDS IN THE EAST.

Many interesting sidelights on the civilisation of the world 4,000 years before Christ, and on the corroboration that has been discovered of the Biblical narrative of the Deluge, were given by Miss Claire Gaudet, lecturer and examiner in art to the London County Council, in a lecture she delivered at the British Museum on the discoveries at Nippur. The lecture was the first of a series of twenty on recent excavations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Mediterranean showing the evolution of architecture from the fourth Millennium B.C. to Roman and Early Christian times.

A large part of the lecture was devoted to the discovery by the American excavators shortly before the war of 34,000 tablets (or clay documents) at Nippur, containing records by the Sumerians and Semites of absorbing interest.

Until just before the war the Sumerians were thought to have lived only at Sumer, near the mouth of the Persian Gulf; but excavations at Ashur, in the north, brought to light the remains of a temple dating before 4,000 B.C. Some of the tablets, which the Americans were busily engaged in transcribing during the war, contained a list of the five antediluvian cities, only two of which were known to us previously, and the names of the three gods of creation, Eshu, Anu, and Enil, with their goddesses, Ninkharshaga, or Lady of the Mountains, believed to be the mountains of Elam, in the east of Babylon.

The most interesting, however,

of the Sumerian tablets was that

giving a description of the Flood

with the god's instructions to man

concerning the building of the Ark.

The Sumerian version is almost

identical with the Hebrew story,

with the exception that the former

gives six days instead of forty

days' downpour. The incident of

the dove, however, is the same, and

the construction of the Ark is very

similarly described. This record

must date from before 3999 B.C., in

which year the Sumerians were

invaded by the Semites. The dis-

coveries also show that the Sumerians had spelling-books,

grammars, and dictionaries. They

had developed a script, and were

careful in their record of history.

The tablets were bricks, inscribed

with a kind of stylus, and dried in

the sun or baked. A "letter" was

enclosed in an "envelope," also of

clay, and treated in the same

manner as tablets.

The lecturer described how

owing to the frequent floods, the

people learnt to live "mountain

high" by building artificial moun-

tainas with their sun-dried bricks;

but, although they built their

temples of brick, they were con-

tent to live in reed huts themselves.

These immense mounds were

drained by a simple method of

placing three bricks triangularly in

the mound, bedded together with

bitumen.

## PORTER AS RING DOCTOR.

### BOXING DEATH WARNING.

The inquest was concluded at Poplar on Alfred George Humphreys, 27, of Stepney, who died in hospital after collapsing in the 13th round of a boxing match with Fred Archer, of St. George's-in-the-East.

Jack Solomons said that he was lead porter at the London Jewish Hospital. He was not a medical man. He examined Humphreys before he went into the ring.

Dr. Guthrie, the Coroner: Did you use a stethoscope?—Yes.

Had you any training?—Yes,

with the British Red Cross under Italian and British officers. I was

an anaesthetist and assistant surgeon in the field.

He added that he had never been to a medical school or said that he was a qualified medical practitioner.

The boxers used to call him "Doctor," as he used to dress their wounds.

Mr. Rutherford (for the relatives of the dead man): Did you ever lead Mr. Morris, one of the promoters, to believe you were a qualified medical man?—No, not to my knowledge.

Joseph Morris said that Solomons attended the contests as medical attendant, and he acted as such without pay.

Dr. Guthrie: Did Solomons ever tell you he was a properly qualified man?—Yes, he did.

Had you known he was not you would not have engaged him?—No.

Archer, who said that his real name was Mark Argebaud, gave his account of the fight. There was no ill-feeling between them.

Dr. Guthrie said that Solomons had sailed very near the wind and had better abandoned his occupation of attending contests and acting as a medical man.

The jury returned a verdict of Death by Misadventure, adding that no one was to blame.

Arrangements are likely to be made for his professional education. If this were done much dissatisfaction and disappointment both to the boy and his guardians might be prevented.

## PRINCE AND PETS.

### AMBITIONS AS A SMALL BOY.

#### TO STOP THE CUTTING OF PUPPIES' TAILS.

There is something good in every page of the Singer's *Pilgrimage* (Grant Richards, 1891), in which Mme. Blanche Marchesi reviews a long career in the art of teaching singing in the method inherited through her parents from the founder of the Garcia "dynasty," who took the first opera company from Europe to the United States.

"Go where the masters are," is Mme. Marchesi's adieu to aspirants.

But alas! the great masters are not attracted to England, for when

they are there they are not treated with distinction by the music world or society.

Paderewski said to her:

• find that the way to keep on having successes here is to disappear from time to time.

After singing before Queen Victoria, Mme. Marchesi was told by the Duchess of Connaught:

"The Queen has been made so

happy by your songs, now what

can I do to make you happy?"

To which she answered: "Oh, that is very simple. I would like to hold a King of England on my knee."

It was arranged at the "most delightful tea-party," which included "Prince Edward, about two and a half, Prince Albert, sixteen months— in a high chair and Princess Mary on the knees of her nurse."

She recalls a delightful story about the present Prince of Wales. He was asked:

"What will you do when you are King?" and he answered—

"I will be in my country no si, no bearing reins for horses, and no puppies' tails cut."

PATTI'S FOOD-FASTER.

Patti, inquested on the adoration due to a queen of song even in retirement at Craig-y-Nos.

RUSSELL CASE.  
HUSBAND IN THE BOX.  
INCIDENTS OF MARRIED  
LIFE.  
WIFE'S "CONTempt."

The opening of the husband's case was continued by counsel in the Russell case in mid week before Mr. Justice Hill and a special jury. The petition is that of the Hon. John Hugo Russell (son of Lord Ampthill), asking for the dissolution of his marriage on the ground of the alleged adultery of his wife, the Hon. Mrs. Christabel Russell, with a man unknown, said to be the father of a male child born on October 15, 1921. Mr. Russell also alleged adultery with the co-respondent Mr. Edgar Jacquard Mayer, said to be a well-to-do business man.

Counsel are:—

For petitioner:—Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., and Mr. Bayford, K.C., and the Hon. Victor Russell; for respondent: Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C., Mr. Cotes-Predy, Mr. T. J. O'Connor, and Mr. V. G. Williams; for co-respondent: Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.C., and Mr. Bush James.

At the sitting of the court the foreman of the jury said he understood this case must take some time, and the jurors thought it would be only fair if they received special remuneration.

His Lordship said counsel would consider the matter.

After consultation, Sir Edward Marshall Hall said the juries would be paid at the rate of one guinea for the whole case, the legal fee.

Sir Edward, continuing his statement for Mr. Russell, reminded the jury that the previous evening he had reached the interview between his husband and wife on June 23, 1921. Counsel suggested the natural and consequential results of the wife's statement were:—

That she had just discovered she was going to have a child. (She had been told this by the fortuneteller.)

That Mr. Russell was the father of the child;

That it had come about in consequence of relations between her husband and herself and that those relations must have been without the knowledge of either;

Or was the result of Hunnish scenes.

"FOUND SLEEP-WALKING."

"I submit that these inferences are irresistible," said Sir Edward. "That brought them to consider what was meant by Hunnish scenes. Mrs. Russell was apt to describe anybody who did not do what she wanted as a Hun. But that was not the same. Hunnish scenes meant something totally distinct and apart from any modified form of relations between the couple at any time in the past. If that was so, it meant, 'I am going to have a child. It is your child. It is the result of relations while you were walking in your sleep and one of us was unconscious.' Mr. Russell said it was impossible.

He had believed anything had happened between them on those two nights in December, 1920, did not the jury think that she would say, 'Why, this happened when we were at Oakley in December!'

There was independent evidence on the subject, counsel said. On June 27, 1921, Mrs. Russell said to a friend: "I have never done anything to be ashamed of in my life. I don't mind having an illegitimate child. I would rather it was anyone's but John's, but as a matter of fact it is. He behaved like a Hun. John walked in his sleep, and I found him in his sleep, and I found him in his pyjamas in the street sleep-walking. It is not curious. That is how it happened."

Sir Edward went on to say that Mr. Russell would say that on June 23 he believed in his wife absolutely. In that frame of mind he went to St. Pancras Station, and while there waiting for his train he wrote a letter, which ran:—

Dear Chris.—After what you have just told me my brain is still rather in a whirl; but I would like you quite definitely to understand one of two things which are, at any rate, absolutely clear in my mind. Firstly, although I was going to institute nullity proceedings next week, I still put you first in my mind. My reason for considering it seriously was that I was more or less convinced we should never manage to get on together after all that has passed, and that it would be best for the future happiness of both to annul it before it might be too late.

HUSBAND'S REASON:

Referring, in the same letter, to her condition, Mr. Russell wrote:—

Life at No. 1 with that mad husband must have been simply awful. I can only say I do not know anything about it. If only you had told me I would have indolored myself to my bed rather than such things should have happened.

The letter went on:—

As regards the real position, I would merely say that my feelings for you are, however, and if you care to hot out the past, I am your man, and will never refer to it by word

or deed. It's your move, old thing, and until you say the word a more cold and distant husband you will not meet—externally, anyway—internally, no, never.

In a postscript he wrote:—

If only I could feel my wife is happy, life would be perfect; but I feel the edge is taken off everything, because I feel you hate me. I want you to promise me that you will tell me if I start going cracked like I did at Curzon-street.

That letter, said Sir Edward, was a very human one. "Am I justified in suggesting," he asked the jury, "that this is the letter of a gentleman and a man who loves his wife to distraction?"

HIS MOTHER'S VIEW.

MR. RUSSELL ON A DELUSION.

The next step in the case was, when Mr. Russell went down to see his mother. They talked the matter over, and the belief which was so great when the glamour of his wife was upon him began to weaken.

The common practical sense of his mother brought him round to feel that what his wife had told him was impossible.

He was driven to another alternative—that the whole thing was a delusion, that his wife was suffering from nerves, and was not going to have a child. So he wrote this letter:—

Dearest Chris.—I have thought over the things you told me yesterday, and now a bit clearer in my mind. Firstly, it is quite impossible for us to have a baby.

This miracle may have occurred, but it is extremely unlikely. If you are going to have a baby I can't be the father. But I absolutely believe in you, and know that you are as true and honest a person as ever was. You told me yesterday a fact which I for one instant have never doubted, that you have never lived with another man. It seems absolutely inexplicable, and last night, summing everything up, I came to the conclusion that a mistake has been made and that you are not going to have a baby.

The letter went on to explain that there was a form of nervous disorder which gave women the delusion that they were pregnant. He therefore told her that it was very likely she had been misled.

He advised her to go and be examined more closely by a doctor. Concluding the letter, he wrote:—

Darling,—It has been held lately for me . . . and I have had the hardest fight of my life to keep rotten thoughts out of my mind. I expect you have been very miserable, too, since last Monday over this inexplicable affair, and I can only hope this letter will be some comfort to you.

Best love, your own ever,

JOHN.

The original draft of a sentence in the letter was:—

Darling thing.—It has been hell of late for you and me, but last night was worse than that. I wonder if you can understand the sort of awful fight I had against rotten feelings and things last night: I expect you have been through a rotten time since last Monday, and I cannot help thinking this letter will ease your mind.

Sir Edward said that letter was replied to by the wife next day, Saturday, June 25, 1921:—

Dear John,—I think your second letter is absolutely inexplicable, to say the least of it. You had better come up and see me, so that you can explain exactly what you mean. Write me when you are coming.

Chris.

Mr. Russell telephoned in reply on June 27:—

No use my coming up until you give name of doctor and result of second interview as suggested in my letter:

JOHN.

On June 28 something happened. No doctor's name had reached Oakley, and on that date Mrs. Hart (Mrs. Russell's mother) rang up Oakley on the telephone and eventually had a conversation with Lady Ampthill, and Lady Ampthill made a memorandum of that conversation at the time. On the 29th a letter dated June 27 arrived. It ran:—

Dear John.—My doctor is Dr. Mackenzie, of 26, Bedford-square. He says he wishes to see you.

CHRIS.

DOCTOR AND A "YARN."

On the 29th Mr. Russell went to London and had an interview with Dr. Mackenzie. It was evident that Dr. Mackenzie had seen the letter. Mr. Russell had written to him at the time. On the 29th a letter dated June 27 arrived. It ran:—

However, I have Johnson, my maid, at Curzon-street, as witness that he used to burst into my room at all hours of the night, and he has been found out already in two flagrant lies to the solicitors; so my maid says my case is strong, but I have been so flagrantly indiscreet all my life that he has enough evidence to divorce me about once a week.

As far as could be ascertained Mrs. Russell first met Mr. Mayer in the summer of 1919 when she was travelling for Messrs. Whitworths. He had a little flat close to Curzon-street.

She told her husband that she had met Mr. Mayer, who was a nice man and full of admiration for her business capacity. She mentioned that Mr. Mayer was a well-to-do business man and could help her. Later she mentioned to Mr. Russell she had had a letter from him. He, she said, was either living apart from or divorced from his wife. Mrs. Russell also mentioned that Mr. Mayer used to call her "Peggy," as he said that ought to be her name. When Mr. Russell protested he was told there was no man. He, she said, was jealous, as she always

MRS. RUSSELL'S APPEAL  
"AN AWFULLY NICE BABY."

The wife wrote this 26 days after the birth of her child, counsel continued:—

Dear John,—I understand, from my solicitor that you are now denying that the baby is yours. Do not you think it is rather absurd to take this line? I know that you do not in your heart really and truly believe it. If nothing else, I have always been straight.

We will have to do something drastic for the sake of the baby. He is an awfully nice one. This serious situation is absurd, and it is up to us to make an effort. It is extraordinary how it changes one's outlook having a baby. I feel quite different about it all now and we have got to think of him. Will you for his sake, if not mine, still like me a bit and start afresh? We have to chuck pride and try to make a decent sort of home for the boy. All the past will have to be washed out and we must both try all we know.

I am prepared to do so if you will. You cannot have forgotten that you once did like me rather a lot. I, too, do not forget the baby must have a lot of you with him. You have only to see him and see how exactly like you he is. Yours genuinely if you will.

Chris.

That letter, counsel said, was sent to Mr. Russell's solicitors, who then arranged with Mrs. Russell's solicitors asking that an appointment should be arranged in which Mrs. Russell could be served with a divorce petition. The letter pointed out that the serving of the petition had been postponed owing to the state of Mrs. Russell's health, and that

Mr. Bradley was being named as co-respondent.

Sometime after January 8 or before the end of January, 1921, Mrs. Russell told her friend this: "If I did have a child it shall not be John's."

Concluding his opening, Sir Edward called the jury's attention to the vital interviews between the parties and the letters of June 28 and 29. "If," he said, "that is the only explanation Mrs. Russell has to give of the birth of the child, I ask you not to accept that explanation, and feel that you will be bound to say that this child is not Mr. Russell's and that Mrs. Russell has been guilty of adultery."

MR. RUSSELL IN THE BOX.

WHEN HIS WIFE HAD TEARS IN HER EYES.

Mr. Russell then went into the witness-box. He told how before their marriage his wife asked him to promise that at first at any rate they would not have children. His father did not come to the wedding but Lady Ampthill asked them both to Ince-on-the-Sea and they went next day.

He had never consummated the marriage in the full sense of the word.

After the armistice on the first night of a four weeks' leave, though they had been affectionate before, his wife said she wished to Heaven she had not married him, but later she changed that, and added that it took a long time to get used to people. During the four weeks they had a quarrel over her going out dancing. He said the sort of man who would take her out dancing when he knew her husband was on short leave was not of man for her to go out with. But she went in spite of his remonstrance.

What were your feelings as a married man?—I wanted, very much to have a proper married life, and on the advice of friends bought a book and sent it to her and asked her opinion about certain matters—the use of preventives. She replied that she would not use them. This agreed with my views, and so that thing stopped.

About the end of October his wife had a serious attack of pneumonia and pleurisy, and when she became convalescent he took her to Wemey's Bay.

And you had a fairly good time?—Yes, it was the only happy time I had in my whole married life.

Mr. Russell added that on Christmas night, when he had to return to his ship, his wife was obviously very sorry that he was going away.

It was the only time in my life, he said, that I saw her with tears in her eyes.

His wife went to Switzerland on her doctor's advice.

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What were your means at that time?—I had an allowance of £300 a year just started from my father and my pay as a naval lieutenant was £14. 6d. a day—approximately £650 a year.

He was invited to join his wife and her mother at a Swiss chalet and did so, Mr. Russell continued.

He came back to London on March 15, and wrote many letters to his wife, in reply to one of which she wrote the "screed of passion" read the previous day.

Sir Edward: What was it you had put in your letter?

Mr. Russell said he had pointed out that marital relationship was natural and nothing to be disgusted about. If looked upon in a proper light it could only be regarded as a sacred and wonderful thing.

His wife went to Paris and had a good time. After her return they had met Mr. Mayer in London, and it was not until May, 1920 that Mr. Russell met him for the first time. Mrs. Russell was very angry at Mr. Russell's interrupting what she said was a business talk, and made him apologise. Mrs. Russell said Mr. Mayer had been to tea, and she had picked him up at his offices in Egyptian House, Piccadilly, and dined with him.

Subsequently she mentioned that Mr. Mayer had suggested that, hitherto, their talks had been on business matters, but he thought about his old friends and took up with new friends. She took up the life of a gadabout. He mentioned an occasion when he occupied the same bed with his wife. There were, however, no marital relations.

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PICKWICK CITED.

Mr. Hastings, interposing, took objection to this evidence on the principle that evidence by either the wife or the husband was not admissible for the purpose of proving the illegitimacy of a child if evidence tendered was to show that when the opportunity of access existed intercourse in fact did not take place.

His Lordship pointed out that in the old days the parties could not give evidence in their own cases.

"It was that rule," added the judge, "that kept Mr. Pickwick out of the witness-box in Mrs. Bardell's action against him." He decided to allow the evidence.

Mr. Russell said there was a discussion between his wife and him self about their relations in August, 1920, and from that day to this she had never kissed him or permitted him to kiss her. Ultimately, he agreed with Sir Edward, he became so fed up with the position that he threatened to "do himself in."

Mr. Russell went on to say that he saw Mrs. Russell lying on the

couch covered with a rug, and Mr. Mayer fed her with sweets. There was no doubt that their relationship was one of affection.

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Mr. &amp; Mrs. Le Roy McKinney.

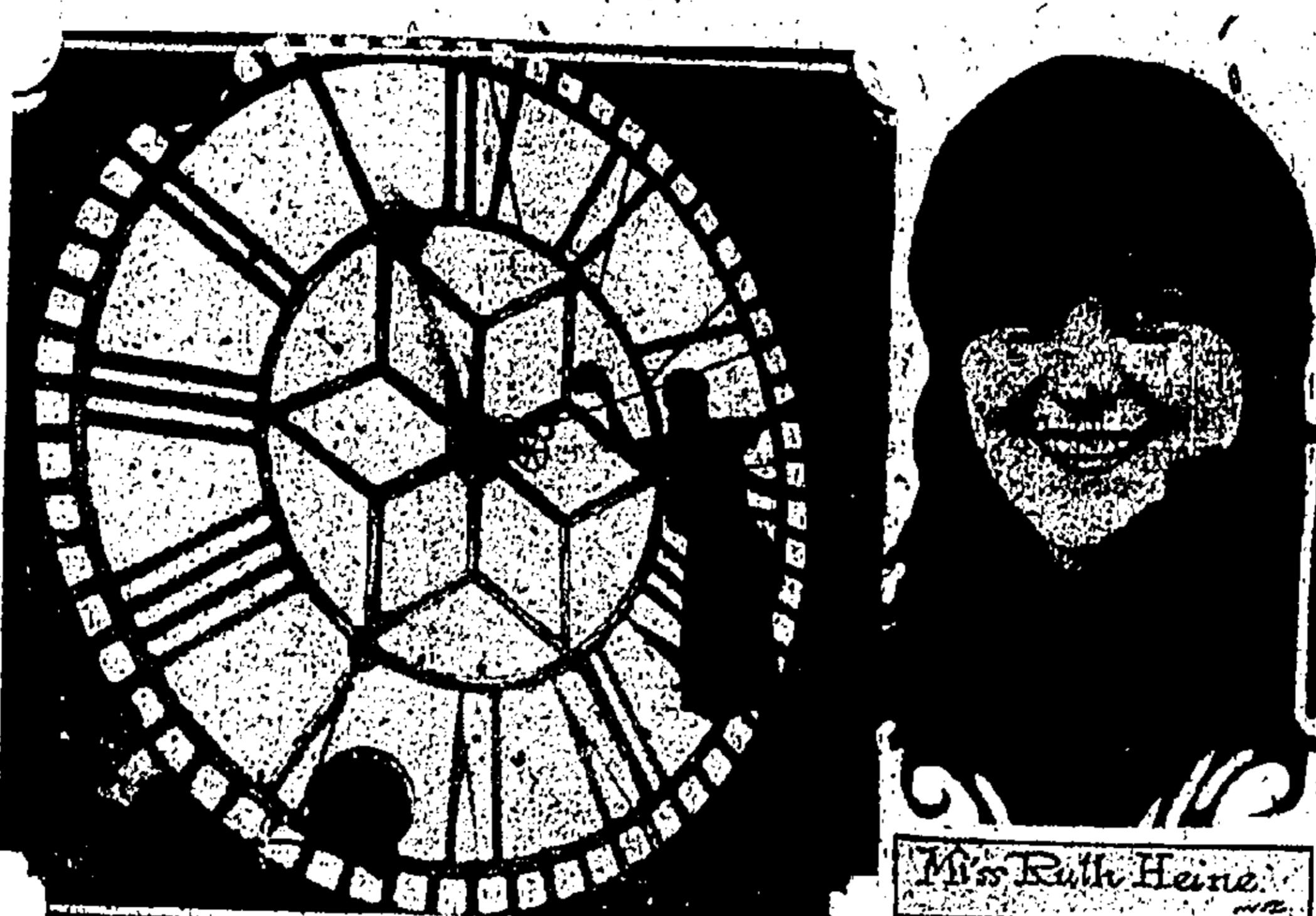
Married only two months, Le Roy McKinney was sent to jail for life for the murder of a policeman in a hold-up. His wife never gave up hope and worked night and day for his release. Now, after serving five months in prison, he has returned to his bride, the real murderer, conscience-stricken, having confessed the crime and received the life sentence.



Chief Chase-in-the-Morning, an Indian dog-driver and a line patrolman braved heavy snowstorms to repair broken wires and restore electric current to the beleaguered cities in Minnesota that had been isolated by great blizzards.



Drove her dogs 25 miles through the blizzard in a two hours and a half race. "If I had had good dogs this year I would have won," she said. "I'll have them alright next year."



Miss Ruth Heine, who likes climbing into dangerous places, decided the other day that the city's clock needed cleaning. Here she is seen on one of the hands of a great clock.



Mrs. Mabel Willibrandt.

When Mrs. Mabel Willibrandt was named United States Assistant Attorney General, there was keen resentment among the male personnel, for she was the first woman to hold the post. This resentment vanished, however when she showed her great ability. It was she upon whom Attorney General Daugherty called to write the famous opinion which ruled liquor off every ship entering an American port. Now, during the protracted illness of the Attorney General, she is practically running the department and is virtually the Acting Attorney General of the United States.



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Roma Roberts and Mr. &amp; Mrs. Stella Kidd.

Roma and Stella are little twin sisters. They weigh 785 and 710 pounds, respectively.



G. Ranson Gillette.



E. E. Cartwright. W. H. Anderson.

William H. Anderson, Head of the Anti-Saloon League, is the central figure in the important investigations, by the District Attorney one into charges that he forced his wife to split their commissions with him, and the other into charges that the Anti-Saloon League is a political body and should, therefore, be compelled to make public its accounts, about which there has been much secrecy. The Rockefellers, who formerly practically supported the League, have withdrawn financial support from it and have demanded that Anderson publish complete account. Frank E. Cartwright, brought about the second investigation, through his attorney Colonel Ranson Gillette. Cartwright alleges that he was beaten for the Assembly by the influence of the League. Ex-State Senator Brackett is Anderson's attorney.

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siderably over N.E. Japan, moder-  
ately at Shanghai, and slightly in  
the extreme South. It is nearly  
stationary from Formosa to Tong-  
king.

The Japanese depression has  
deepened and moved to the north-  
east of Hokkaido.

The anticyclone has weakened  
and is now central over the Yellow  
Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.80 foot.  
Total since January 1st, 9.22 inches,  
against an average of 9.30 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on April 21, 1923.

1—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds  
fresh.

2—South coast of China between  
Amoy and Lempopo. E. winds  
moderate; generally overcast.

3—Hankow—near Rock. E. winds,  
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